

ABSTRACT

5 A sealable food container includes a base serving member such as a plate
having a generally planar central portion, a sidewall extending generally upwardly
and outwardly therefrom and a base outer flange portion extending outwardly from
the sidewall. The sidewall defines a sealing area with an undercut annular sealing
10 surface disposed between the substantially planar central portion of the base serving
member and the base outer flange portion. The sidewall portion of the plate defines a
base stop ridge adjacent the upper edge of the undercut annular sealing surface of the
sidewall as well as a laterally extending retaining shelf adjacent the lower edge of the
undercut annular sealing surface of the base serving member. A matching sealing lid
15 is typically provided with a dome, a flexible sidewall and an annular sealing portion
configured to cooperate with the base stop ridge and the sealing surface of the serving
member in order to seal the container. The laterally extending retaining shelf in the
sidewall of the base serves to position the sidewall engaging cover during sealing of
the container. In a preferred embodiment, the sidewall of the lid has upwardly
projecting flutes and the base has an outer recess at the lower portion of its sidewall
20 configured to engage the upwardly projecting flutes to render the containers securely
stackable.